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## Newsletter #62:

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I hope you all had a great week. The coming week will be very busy indeed. I fly out to London on Monday and will start viewing and ultimately will bid in the Roma auction. I'll also view NAC's May auction. Aside from these upcoming events there are a few noteworthy auctions taking place this week.

Here is an overview:

#### Roma XV (April 5)

The Roma auction is finally upon us. There are 756 beautiful Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Islamic and world coins on offer. I am arriving in London a few days before so I can properly view the entire sale. The auction is filled with some real beauties in all areas. If you haven't taken a look you really should. Also, please take advantage of my help for this auction. The services I provide are at no cost to you so get in touch soon if you have interest.

#### Triskeles Auction 329 (Rescheduled for April 6)

Some of you may have heard the unfortunate news that John Lavender, the principal of Triskeles, suffered a rather major health issue which forced the March 27th auction to be rescheduled for April 6. On a good note I believe that John will have a complete recovery and I wish him a very speedy return.

#### To reiterate, here is what I wrote about the auction last week:

Triskeles is auctioning off 1,1016 lots on March 27. What makes this auction special are the many lots offered via the Benjamin Bell estate. Some of you may have known Ben. I had the pleasure to meet him and even shared a meal with him at my house a few years

back. Ben was too young to die and his passing is tragic. If you want to know more about Ben then see this lovely Coinsweekly article written about him after his passing.

<http://www.coinsweekly.com/en/Benjamin-Ben-Bell-1976-2017/4?&id=4691>

I will plan to participate in the auction. Please get in touch if you need my help.

### **Savoca - 6th Blue Auction (April 7-8th)**

Savoca has an immense auction of 1,595 coins that will be auctioned on the 7th and 8th. The quality of the coins are not high but the estimates are very low. I'm happy to help if someone needs bidding assistance. Please contact me if you need anything.

### **Kölner Münzkabinett (April 7)**

I haven't worked with this auction house before although it has been around for sometime. After reviewing the 1,414 lots I think it might be worth looking as there are several coins that I saw with pedigrees in the auction. The quality of the coins is not wonderful but there were some interesting pieces nonetheless. Please do let me know if you need my help in bidding in this auction.

### **Chicago Coin Expo Trade Show, Gemini and Heritage auctions (April 18-21)**

The second annual Chicago Coin Expo is taking place on April 18-21 at the historic downtown Palmer House Hotel. I am setting up and will be at table 15 during the show. I hope to see some of you there.

Gemini and Heritage will hold auctions during the show at the same location. I plan to view and attend these auctions so please get in touch if you need representation.



## Coin of the Week

<https://www.shannaschmidt.com/roman-republic/imperatorial-julius-caesar-illyrian-mint-possibly-apollonia-48-bc?rq=rr1058>

**IMPERATORIAL. Julius Caesar. Illyrian mint, possibly Apollonia, 48 BC**

AR Denarius, 4.00g (18mm, 7h). Head of Clementia (?) right / Trophy with Gallic arms; below, CAESAR

*Pedigree: From the E. E. Clain-Stefanelli Collection, NAC 92 (Part 1), Zürich 2016, lot 381*

*Price: \$2,100*

This coin memorializes the triumph of Julius Caesar's army over the Gauls. The area of Gaul, mostly modern day France and Belgium, were under the control of various Gaulish tribes. One theory as to why the conflicts occurred were that the Gauls were overtaking more and more of the area slowly infringing on the borders of the Roman territory. The other theory is that Caesar, who was proconsul at the time, had accumulated tremendous debt and meant to plunder some of the area to alleviate his financial burden. Whatever the reason the war with the Gauls were Caesar's biggest military victory and helped to pave the way for his rise in power. One of the more memorable figures from the Gallic Wars was Vercingetorix, the king and chieftain of the Averni tribe, who has been portrayed in films and TV in popular culture

*References: Bab. 26; BMC 3955; Crawf. 452/2; Sear 11; Syd. 1009*

*Grade: Some deeper scratches on flan in front of face, otherwise, nice iridescence and wonderfully struck. Reverse is slightly off-center. EF*

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If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at [shanna@shannaschmidt.com](mailto:shanna@shannaschmidt.com)

Until next week!  
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